

~~In Figure 3, several of the elements are the same as in Figure 1. Reference numeral 13 in Figure 3 is the same as reference numeral 3 in Figure 1. Numeral 14 is the same as numeral 4. Numeral 15 is the same as numeral 5. Numeral 16 is the same as numeral 6. Numeral 19 is the same as numeral 10.~~

~~In Figure 4, several of the elements are the same as in Figure 1. Reference numeral 23 in Figure 4 is the same as reference numeral 3 in Figure 1. Numeral 24 is the same as numeral 4. Numeral 25 is the same as numeral 5. Numeral 26 is the same as numeral 6. Numeral 29 is the same as numeral 10.~~

~~In Figure 5, several of the elements are the same as in Figure 1. Reference numeral 34 in Figure 5 is the same as reference numeral 3 in Figure 1. Numeral 35 is the same as numeral 4. Numeral 36 is the same as numeral 5. Numeral 37 is the same as numeral 6. Numeral 38 is the same as numeral 7. Numeral 41 is the same as numeral 10.~~

~~In Figure 7, several of the elements are the same as in Figure 1. Reference numeral 58 in Figure 7 is the same as reference numeral 5 in Figure 1. Numeral 59 is the same as numeral 6. Numeral 60 is the same as numeral 7. Numeral 63 is the same as numeral 10.~~

At pages 17-18, please amend the paragraph beginning at page 17, last line and ending at page 18, line 22 to read as follows:

~~FIG. 3 is a schematic cross-sectional view illustrating the hydrogen purifying apparatus in Embodiment 1-2. A provision of the heat exchange fin 20 close to the side wall 12 around the downstream side of the catalyst layer 11 helps to heat the downstream side of the catalyst layer 11. Such structure also facilitates cooling the reformed gas by a heat exchanger 17. Moreover, since the reformed gas flow pathway thermally insulates the catalyst layer 11, the temperature distribution in the center and the periphery of the catalyst layer 11 becomes homogeneous, thereby enabling efficient oxidation of CO. Due to the structure of the apparatus such that the reformed gas passes through the catalyst layer 11 in an opposing direction of stream to that before passing through the heat exchanger 17, the reformed gas at elevated temperature can exchange heat with the downstream side of the catalyst layer 11 and is cooled. Because the reformed gas thus cooled then passes along the upstream side of the catalyst layer 11, the~~

112 temperature of the catalyst layer 11 can be lowered at the upstream side and elevated at the downstream side. As a result, the temperature distribution can be optimized in response to selective oxidation of CO by the catalyst.

At page 19, please amend the paragraph beginning at line 2 and ending at line 16, to read as follows:

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